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They of the house of
Guise wyth theyr
adherentes sernge
that the Prynce
came furth of Or-
leans to withstande them, and
to giue them battaile contrary
to the hope and expectacyon
wherin they had put y^e Quene
and the Parisians (which was
that they should no soner shew
themselves befoze Orleans but
the said Prynce with his par-
takers woulde streyght waye
pelde them selues) seing theym-
selues deceiued and considering
the

Conference betwene the Q. mother
the Daunger wherin they were
to be ouerthrowen, sent and of-
fred such condicions of peace to
the Prince, as might haue ben
asked at theyr handes, requi-
rynge therewithall truce for six
dayes, to thende they myghte
cause the Queene to come thys-
ther to conclude the sayd peace,
betwixt them. The which .vi.
dayes with thre mozeouer the
said Prince for the quietnes of
the comen wealth graunted:
and beyng come to commu-
nication with the Queene to
thende she myght vnderstande
that he was moued onelye by
zeale of religion to doo as hee
dyd: he sayde that in his owne
perticuler respecte he whollye
submytted hym selfe vnto her
will,

and the Prince of Conde.

wil, yea to be banished for ever
out of the Realme of Fraunce,
vppon condicion that the true
& faythful seruauntes of Christ
might safely liue in their houses,
with quietnes of their conscience,
in hearynge the sincere word of god,
and in the exercise of comen prayers,
and cōmunicatinge of the Sacramentes
accorpyng to the prescript of the Gospell.
The Queene takynge hold of the fyrst
poynt of this his promise & offer, wrote
vnto the kynge and the Court of Parliament,
& manye other places besydes, that she hadde
made peace. And whē the terme of the truce
was expired, & that they shoulde come to the
conclusion thereof, she declared to the
A.iii. sayde

Conference betwene th^e Q^{ueene} mother
said Prince that he must be cōs-
tente that there shoulde be
no more preaching in Fraunce,
and that the ministers & prea-
chers shuld auoide the realme
and al suche others as folowed
their doctrine, and that they
shoulde all haue safeconduct
geuen them to departe: whers
unto the sayde prince answered,
that christian charitie the
which by the auctoritie and
commaundemente of the sayde
Queene, had put the sword in
his hand for the defence of In-
nocentes. Aswel of the kynges
maiestye and herres, as for
the poore faythfull of the
whole Realme of Fraunce a-
gainst the Tiranni of the house
of Guise, robbers of the kinges
and

and the Prince of Conde.

and Queenes libertie, and manifest ennemyes to the word of God, woulde not suffer hym to admytte and obeye anye suche direction, the which he knewe well dyd neuer proceede of her wyll ne of the Kinges, wheras thei had tofore consêted to y^e cōs-
trary by a solempne Edict vnto their whole estates. For maun-
tenaunce wherof he had put him-
self in Armure agaynst the said
Guyse, who by their priuate
aucthoritie with violence had
broken the same, as the greate
number of murthers and man-
slaughters by them committed
dyd testifye. And whereas they
couered thē selues with thau-
thoritie of the Kyng Queene
and Courte of Parliamente, it
A.iiii, was

Conference betvvene the Q mother
was apparent inough to al the
world, that thei ruled the same
by force euen as they lusted.
The sayde Prince in tyme and
place conuenient wyl playnely
proue that he putte him selfe in
armies by the expresse com=
maundemente of the Queene,
for the Defence of the King, her
selfe, and the Realme, from the
oppression of the foresaid Ty=
rannes: Wherefore he cannot
disarme without breakynge of
the Dutye of his allegiance, be=
fore he se the King & the Quee=
nes maiestye in ful lybertie, &
that the Gospell maye haue
course accordynge as their mas=
testes haue godlye decreed by
the vniuersal consent lawfully
assembled out of all the Couns
treys

and the Prince of Conde.

treys of this Realme of
Fraunce.

All these thynges aboue writs
ten ar true, wherof it foloweth
that the sayd Prince with hys
adherentes are falsely esteemed
and called rebelles and sediti-
ous persons, and that the name
of rebellion, sedition and diso-
bedience apperteyneth truly &
properly to his aduersaries.

As touchinge their discourse
concerning this matter sent by
the said Ladye vnto the Court
of Parliament: It is most cer-
teine that Monsieur de Guise
caused her to putte her hande
therunto. And whereas sith it
was imprinted by Mascosan,
the sale therof was prohibi-
ted, lest the lyes wherewith it

A. b.

swar-

Conference betwene the Q. mother
swarmenth should be discovered
and knowē. For of truth it shal
neuer appeare and be proued
that any other condicions haue
ben offered vnto the pooze faith-
full Christians, but exile and
banishment foreuer out of their
houses and countreis, or els
to abyde with retour-
nyng vnto theyr
papisticall ce-
remones.

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